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Applicant: HUGH et al. Docket No: 18333-0020
Serial No: 09/236,057 Group Art Unit: 2173
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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ORGANIZING AND
PROCESSING INFORMATION USING A DIGITAL COMPUTER**

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 CFR 1.114 AND
AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants are submitting this amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114. Please amend the above identified application as follows and consider the following remarks in response to the Office Action mailed on March 27, 2001 for the above identified prior application.

In The Claims

~~Please cancel claims 57-66.~~

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-56, in a telephone conference with the undersigned on March 22, 2001. The Applicant cancels the non-elected claims 57-66.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. 101 of same invention type double patenting in light of claims 1-6 and 9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,031,537. The Applicant respectfully disagrees. Claim 1 of the '537 patent reads as:

1. A method for organizing and processing information using a computer, said information comprising a plurality of thoughts, and said method comprising the steps of:

defining a matrix comprising the plurality of thoughts and further comprising a plurality of network relationships among the thoughts, wherein each thought may be related to at least one other of said thoughts, and wherein at least one of the